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Death and disability benefits

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The information contained in the annex to the present note is submitted pursuant to paragraphs 16 and 17 of General Assembly resolution 51/239 A of 17 June 1997, in which the Assembly noted that, as at 19 May 1997, a backlog of 564 death and disability claims awaited processing and requested the Secretary-General to submit to the Assembly quarterly written reports on the progress made in clearing the backlog.

2. The first quarterly report, dated 28 October 1997 (A/52/538), presented information relating to death and disability incidents occurring up to and including 30 June 1997, indicating the total number of claims from the backlog that had been received since 19 May 1997, as well as the number of claims processed as at 30 September 1997. The second quarterly report provided updated information as at 31 December 1997 (A/C.5/52/37), while the third quarterly report presented updated information as at 31 March 1998 (A/C.5/52/50). The fourth and fifth quarterly reports provided updated information as at 30 June 1998 (A/C.5/53/16) and 30 September 1998 (A/C.5/53/17 and Corr.1), respectively. The most recent update was provided in the sixth quarterly report which presented information as at 31 December 1998 (A/C.5/53/51).

3. The present document constitutes the seventh quarterly report. The information presented in the attached annex indicates the total number of claims received from troop-contributing countries as at 31 March 1999, identifying the number of claims received since 19 May 1997. This information is presented by country (table A) and by peacekeeping operation (table B). A comparison of the total number of incidents of death and disability reported by peacekeeping operations as at 31 March 1999 and the related number of claims submitted to the Secretariat is presented in table C.

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4. It should be recalled that, as was reflected in the sixth quarterly report, a total number of 208 claims were awaiting processing as at 31 December 1998. As at 31 March 1999, the total number of claims awaiting processing stands at 222. Of this total, 47 claims constitute part of the backlog as they were received prior to 19 May 1997. The remaining 175 claims were received in the period following 19 May 1997. A total of 195 claims were received by the Secretariat during the period 1 January through 31 March 1999, of which 181 claims were processed during the same period.

Annex

A. Death and disability claims backlog report for incidents occurring up to and including 30 June 1997 as at 31 March 1999 (by country)

Country	*Claims received prior to 19 May 1997*	*Claims received after 19 May 1997*	*Claims processed from 19 May 1997 to 31 March 1999[a]*	*Total claims awaiting processing*
Argentina	9	2	11	–
Austria	35	14	24	25
Bangladesh	27	1	13	15
Belgium	–	48	48	–
Brazil	–	3	1	2
Bulgaria	41	19	60	–
Canada	12	66	50	28
Czech Republic	7	–	7	–
Denmark	–	22	15	7
Egypt	42	5	47	–
Fiji	26	–	26	–
Finland	1	84	84	1
France	107	225	320	12
Germany	3	–	3	–
India	–	1	–	1
Indonesia	8	–	7	1
Ireland	37	33	70	–
Italy	56	13	69	–
Japan	–	1	–	1
Jordan	3	266	245	24
Malawi	–	6	6	–
Malaysia	–	36	2	34
Nepal	–	14	13	1
Netherlands	–	4	3	1
Pakistan	1	7	8	–
Poland	64	158	202	20
Russian Federation	11	–	6	5
Senegal	1	1	2	–
Slovakia	6	1	7	–
Spain	10	2	12	–

Country	*Claims received prior to 19 May 1997*	*Claims received after 19 May 1997*	*Claims processed from 19 May 1997 to 31 March 1999*[a]	*Total claims awaiting processing*
Thailand	2	1	3	–
Tunisia	2	7	2	7
Turkey	3	–	3	–
Ukraine	9	42	48	3
United Arab Emirates	–	3	–	3
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	23	18	10	31
Uruguay	2	3	5	–
Zimbabwe	16	–	16	–
Total	**564**	**1 106**	**1 448**	**222**

[a] Including claims that have been approved for payment and those that have been rejected.

B. Death and disability claims backlog report for incidents occurring up to and including 30 June 1997 as at 31 March 1999 (by peacekeeping operation)

Mission	*Claims received prior to 19 May 1997*	*Claims received after 19 May 1997*	*Claims processed from 19 May 1997 to 31 March 1999*[b]	*Total claims awaiting processing*
ONUMOZ	4	1	3	2
UNAMIR	3	31	28	6
UNAVEM	–	8	5	3
UNCRO	–	3	2	1
UNDOF	30	58	57	31
UNFICYP	9	3	9	3
UNIFIL	140	177	313	4
UNIKOM	2	6	4	4
UNMIH	2	2	2	2
UNOSOM	104	62	133	33
UNPREDEP	–	17	17	–
UNPROFOR	178	622	687	113
UNTAC	89	61	139	11
UNTAES	–	54	45	9
UNTAG	3	1	4	–
Total	**564**	**1 106**	**1 448**	**222**

[b] Including claims that have been approved for payment and those that have been rejected.

C. Total number of death and disability incidents reported and claims submitted for incidents occurring up to and including 30 June 1997 as at 31 March 1999 (by peacekeeping operation)

	Death		*Disability*		*Total*	
Mission	*Incidents reported*	*Claims*	*Incidents reported*	*Claims*	*Incidents reported*	*Claims*
ONUMOZ	21	10	50	3	71	13
MINURSO	3	–	5	–	8	–
UNAMIR	22	18	50	20	72	38
UNAVEM	27	6	56	2	83	8
UNCRO	16	–	54	3	70	3
UNDOF	38	8	415	133	453	141
UNFICYP	162	3	87	16	249	19
UNIFIL	212	57	1 058	352	1 270	409
UNIKOM	7	5	28	2	35	7
UNMIH	5	4	14	4	19	8
UNOSOM	152	103	437	209	589	312
UNPREDEP	3	3	9	14	12	17
UNPROFOR	196	146	1 501	691	1 697	837
UNTAC	41	50	52	132	93	182
UNTAES	7	1	57	53	64	54
UNTAG	11	3	30	1	41	4
Total	**923** [c]	**417**	**3 903** [c]	**1 635**	**4 826** [c]	**2 052**

[c] The corresponding numbers of incidents reported in the most recent progress report of the Secretary-General contained in document A/C.5/53/51, dated 16 February 1999, were 979 for death and 4,003 for disability. The reduced, adjusted number of incidents of death (923) and disability (3,903) indicated in the present progress report is due to data reconciliation by the Situation Centre, Department of Peacekeeping Operations of the United Nations Secretariat. The discrepancies with the previous reports were due to double entries, with inverted first and last names, of the same incidents and erroneous recording of some military observer or civilian police casualty incidents under contingent incidents.